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For: AUTOMATIC DISPLAY METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR UPDATE INFORMATION,
AND MEDIUM STORING PROGRAM FOR THE METHOD

COMMUNICATION TO THE EXAMINER

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Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Allowability mailed on February 9, 2006. The issue fee has not been paid.

(1) The Examiner did not appropriately acknowledge the claim for foreign priority by checking the appropriate box of the Office Action mailed April 21, 2004 or boxes 3(a)(1) in the Notice of Allowability. The Office Action of April 21, 2004 allegedly checked box 12(b)(1) to indicate that some of the certified copies of the priority documents have not been received. However, the one certified copy of the foreign application in the present Application was submitted on January 19, 2001, so it is understood that the Office Action of April 21, 2004 checked box 12(b)(1) is an error and correction of which is respectfully requested.

Therefore, attached hereto is a copy of the Declaration that was filed in the application on January 19, 2001, indicating filing of a claim for foreign priority, and also a copy of the Submission of Certified Copy of Prior Foreign Application In Accordance with the Requirements

of 37 C.F.R. §1.55 indicating filing of a claim for foreign priority. Also enclosed is a copy of the first page of the priority document, and a copy of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office stamped postcard showing that a certified copy of foreign priority Application No. 2000-258571 was filed in the above-referenced application. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge filing the claim for foreign priority and the certified copy of the foreign application in the subject application by checking the appropriate boxes 3(a)(1) of the Notice of Allowability.

(2) An Information Disclosure Statement accompanied by a Form PTO-1449 was filed on October 16, 2001. However, the Examiner did not expressly acknowledge consideration of the reference in item AM of the FORM PTO-1449 by initialing the same in the considered and acknowledged information disclosure statement returned by the Examiner with the Office Action mailed April 21, 2004. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to confirm consideration of the reference designated as AM on the attached copy of the Form PTO-1449 by initialing the same to acknowledge consideration. Please return a copy of the Form PTO-1449 as initialed to the undersigned. A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement along with a copy of the stamped postcard is enclosed. A copy of the reference AM is in the image file wrapper according to the U.S. Patent and Trademark's Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR).

Respectfully submitted,
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